

Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Transfer of Charitable Funds

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The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (MAGO) is announcing a call for applications for a transfer of charitable funds. The funds, \$60,000, will be distributed after the Commonwealth initiates proceedings in court, with the intention that the court order the transfer of funds to a charity or charities that benefit veterans in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts has approximately 500,000 veterans and many veterans face physical and psychological challenges that extend well beyond their military service. This application is designed to identify recipient nonprofits that works to increase access to housing and healthcare services for Massachusetts veterans. Special consideration will be given to organizations with a proven track record supporting veteran populations, particularly those facing homelessness and health challenges, including providing emergency housing, transitional housing, assistance in finding affordable housing, and providing transportation to veterans accessing healthcare.

Eligibility

The following are eligible applicants:

- Non-Profit organizations within Massachusetts*

*Non-profit organizations must be in full compliance with all annual reporting requirements of both the MAGO and the Internal Revenue Service, as applicable, in order to be eligible for funding.

Funding and Duration

The MAGO will disburse a total of \$60,000. The funds are held until the Commonwealth initiates proceedings in court to distribute funds under the principles of *cy pres*, with the intention that the court order the transfer of all funds. Funds may be issued to multiple applicants, in varying amounts.

Evaluation

The MAGO will recommend recipient(s) to the Superior Court of Massachusetts through the filing of a *cy pres* petition. The Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the final judgment. Some of the criteria utilized in the evaluation and selection process include:

- Demonstrated commitment to assisting the veteran population, particularly those facing homelessness and health challenges;
- Applicant's existing focus on veteran population; and
- Applicant's previous experience in providing housing, transitional housing assistance, and/or transportation to medical appointments.

Submission instructions

- Proposals must be delivered electronically through the MAGO's online grant application process by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.
- Interested applicants may access the application here: <https://www.mass.gov/grant-opportunities>.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.
- There will be no applications accepted in any other format.
- New applicants will be asked to create a free online account. Any applicant that has applied for any grant using the online grant management system may log into its existing account.
- Once applicants have started an application, the application may be saved and returned to later.
- Confirmation of Receipt: Applicants typically receive an email confirmation within 48 business hours; if one is not received please call 617-963-2291 for further instructions and assistance.

Questions

Questions regarding this RFP may be submitted to AGOgrants@state.ma.us, only until 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2018. When submitting your question(s), please include "Transfer of Charitable Funds 2018" in the email subject line. Questions received and answers provided regarding this RFP will be posted on the MAGO's website here: <https://www.mass.gov/grant-opportunities>.

Reasonable accommodation

Applicants with disabilities who seek reasonable accommodation, which may include the receipt of the RFP information in an alternative format, must communicate such requests in writing to AGOgrants@state.ma.us no later than April 11, 2018.

Public records

All responses and information submitted in response to this call for applications are subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10, and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26. Any statements in submitted responses that are inconsistent with the requirement of the public records laws shall be disregarded.

Updates to this RFP

Any changes/corrections to any part to this RFP will be posted on <https://www.mass.gov/grant-opportunities>. It is the applicant's responsibility to check this web page frequently for any updates.